

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-18 are active in the present application. Claims 4 and 6-11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 1-12 and 14 have been amended for clarity and to conform to U.S. patent practice. Claims 15-18 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. Claim 13 has been canceled and replaced with new Claim 18. No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (Amended) A transparent [Transparent] glazing [having] comprising at least one viewing area, [characterized in that] wherein the viewing area is combined with an antifrosting absorbent layer deposited on at least one surface of [the] said area.

2. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the layer is deposited on the surface of the glazing.

3. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the layer is deposited on a plastic film and said [in that the] plastic film is fastened to the glazing.

4. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that] Claim 1, wherein the layer comprising [consists of] at least one hydrophilic polymer.

5. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to Claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophilic polymer is crosslinked.

6. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [either of Claims 4 and 5, characterized in that] Claim 4, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is a polymer or copolymer of vinylpyrrolidone.

7. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of Claims 4 to 6, characterized in that] Claim 4, wherein the layer includes an organic or inorganic[, and preferably porous,] absorbent material.

8. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] Claim 1, wherein the layer in the wet state has a porosity of between 0.1 and 1000 cm³/g.

9. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] Claim 1, wherein the layer in the wet state has pores whose diameter is between 0.05 and 50 microns[, preferably between 0.1 and 20 microns and more preferably between 1 and 15 microns].

10. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] Claim 1, wherein the antifrosting absorbent layer has a thickness of less than 100 microns.

11. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to [one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that] Claim 1, wherein the glazing is an insulating glazing unit [consisting of] comprising at least two glass sheets.

12. (Amended) The glazing [Glazing] according to Claim 11, [characterized in that] wherein the glazing is a vacuum insulating glazing unit.

14. (Amended) The [Use of the] glazing according to Claim 18, [characterized in that] wherein the antifrosting absorbent layer is deposited on [that] the surface of the viewing area which is in contact with [the] a refrigerated environment.--

Claims 15-18 (New).